

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multivalent vaccine able to be administered to a bitch prior to whelping comprising a first antigen, a second antigen, and a third antigen wherein an effective amount of maternal antibody to each antigen is transferred at nurse to at least one pup of the bitch and wherein each of the first antigen, the second antigen and the third antigen are different;

wherein at least one of the first antigen, the second antigen, or third antigen is Minute virus of canine (MVC, also known as Canine Parvovirus-1 (CPV-1)).

2. (Original) The vaccine of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first antigen, the second antigen, or third antigen is canine herpesvirus (CHV).

3. (Original) The vaccine of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first antigen, the second antigen, or third antigen is canine rotavirus (CRV).

4. (Currently Amended) The vaccine of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first antigen, the second antigen, or third antigen is ~~Canine Parvovirus (CPV), selected from the group consisting of Minute virus of canine (MVC, CPV-1) and Canine Parvovirus type 2 (CPV-2).~~

5. (Currently Amended) The vaccine of Claim 1 wherein the first antigen is CHV[[,]] and the second antigen is CRV, ~~and third antigen is CPV, selected from the group consisting of MVC and CPV 2.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The vaccine of Claim 27 wherein the first antigen, the second antigen and the third antigen are selected from the group consisting of

- (a) live,
- (b) attenuated live,
- (c) killed, and
- (d) any combination of (a), (b) and/or (c) ~~the aforementioned.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the nurse is performed within a time selected from twenty-four (24) hours and forty-eight (48) hours from whelp.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CHV one week post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CRV one week post whelp is greater than about 1:128.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to MVC one week post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CHV two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CRV two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:128.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~vaccine of Claim 27~~ method of claim 25 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to MVC two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of vaccinating a puppy against ~~at least one of~~ canine herpesvirus (CHV), canine rotavirus (CRV), and Canine Parvovirus (CPV), selected from the group consisting of Minute virus of canine (MVC, CPV-1) and Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2) comprising the steps of administering a vaccine to the bitch prior to whelp comprising a CHV antigen, a CRV antigen, ~~and/or~~ and a CPV antigen and allowing at least one of the puppies to nurse within about forty-eight (48) hours of whelp.

15. (Original) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the at least one of the puppies is allowed to nurse within about 24 hours.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CHV one week post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CRV one week post whelp is greater than about 1:128.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to MVC one week post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CHV two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to CRV two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:128.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the virus neutralization titer of puppy antibody to MVC two weeks post whelp is greater than about 1:32.

23. (Original) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the vaccine comprises a CHV antigen, a CRV antigen, and a CPV antigen that is selected from the group of live, live-attenuated, inactivated, and/or any combination thereof.

24. (Original) The method of vaccinating a puppy of Claim 14 wherein the CPV antigen is MCV.

25. (Original) A method of vaccinating a puppy for protection against canine herpesvirus (CHV), canine rotavirus (CRV), and Canine Parvovirus (CPV), selected from the group consisting of Minute virus of canine (MVC, CPV-1) and Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2) comprising the steps of vaccinating a bitch with a vaccine comprising an antigen of CHV, an antigen of CRV, and an antigen of CPV prior to whelp and administering colostrums of the bitch to at least one puppy within about forty-eight (48) hours of whelp whereby maternal antibodies are transferred at a sufficiently high titer to protect the puppy from disease caused by CHV, CRV and CPV.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25 wherein the colostrums is administered to the puppy within about twenty-four (24) hours after whelp.

27. (Previously Presented) A multivalent vaccine able to be administered to a bitch prior to whelping comprising a first antigen comprising canine herpesvirus (CHV), a second

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antigen comprising canine rotavirus (CRV), and a third antigen comprising canine parvovirus (CPV), selected from the group consisting of Minute virus of canine (MVC, CPV-1) and Canine Parvovirus (CPV-2), wherein an effective amount of maternal antibody to each antigen is transferred at nurse to at least one pup of the bitch and wherein each of the first antigen, the second antigen and the third antigen are different.